

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board

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EPSB Staff

FROM: Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director

DATE: April 1, 2008

SUBJECT: April 2008 EPSB Update

Mission Statement

The Education Professional Standards Board promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.

Worth Remembering

“He who opens a school door, closes a prison.”

--- Victor Hugo

EPSB Division of Certification Recognized

At the March regular meeting of the EPSB, the Division of Certification received the Friends of KACTE award. The Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (KACTE) presented Division Director Mike Carr with a plaque recognizing Mike and all of the certification specialists in the division. Dr. Gary Schroeder (University of Kentucky), Dr. Paul Wirtz (University of Northern Kentucky), and Dr. Alesa Walker (Murray State University) presented the award.

EPSB March Meeting Brief

In an effort to improve communication with all our education partners, this edition of the EPSB Update includes a link to the agenda and staff notes for the March 2008 meeting and the action taken by the EPSB. To view the March agenda and the action taken by the EPSB go to www.KYEPSB.net and click on March board meeting brief under “Headlines”.

EPSB Attorneys Honored

Both Alicia Sneed and Gary Stephens were recognized by the Kentucky Bar Association’s Continuing Legal Education Award. This honor is granted to attorneys who complete a minimum of sixty-two and one-half credit hours of continuing legal education approved by the Continuing Legal Education Commission within a period of three or fewer educational years and a minimum of twenty credit hours in subsequent educational years.

Fourteenth Annual School Law Institute

Alicia Sneed is scheduled to present at Western Kentucky University and Green River Regional Educational Cooperative's Fourteenth Annual School Law Institute on April 17, 2008. Her presentation will contain a review of the EPSB's disciplinary process as well as an update for administrators on the duty to report.

Regulation Update

At the March 17, 2008 Board Meeting, the EPSB approved amending 16 KAR 7:010. This regulation will be filed this month for publication in the May edition of the [Administrative Register of Kentucky](#).

Accreditation Visits

Alice Lloyd College March 29- April 2

Certification Staff Meets with Bluegrass Council

Members of the EPSB certification staff met on March 20 with the Bluegrass Council in Lexington. The council is composed of Fayette County Schools' human resources staff members and representatives of the universities that work with the district in placing student teachers and KTIP intern teachers. The meeting was attended by consultants Norma Andrade and Delores Calhoun, who assisted the group's discussion of how to make the certification process more seamless. All parties reported that the meeting was very productive, and Fayette County representatives have contacted the division director to request that the division be represented regularly at the meetings, which are held 2-3 times per year.

Ukraine Administrators

Mike Carr will serve on a panel for a group of ten Ukrainian school administrators on April 28 to discuss the methods of teacher certification in Kentucky. The visit is sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana, who will bring the visitors here via a federal grant for a 10-day visit to study all aspects of the U.S. public education systems. Representatives from KDE and CPE will also serve on the panel.

Center for Middle School Academic Achievement

Teresa Moore and Elizabeth Springate will represent EPSB when they present information on KTIP and the redesign of the master's programs at the Center for Middle School Academic Achievement on April 9th in Richmond.

Educational Testing Service (ETS) Client Conference

Jaime Rice will be attending the ETS Client Conference on April 29-30, 2008. Upon her return Jaime will prepare a summary of the conference for the Deans and Chairs.

2008 National Board Teacher Day

EPSB staff worked with the legislature to host a recognition ceremony on March 4 for more than 175 of the 252 new National Board Certified Teachers in the class of 2007. With more than 200 in attendance at the Capitol Rotunda, Governor Beshear signed a proclamation declaring March 4, 2008, as National Board Teacher Day in Kentucky. The

event also featured remarks from Secretary Helen Mountjoy, Commissioner John Draud, and many Kentucky legislators who are friends of NBCTs in Kentucky.

Immediately prior to the ceremonies, a reception hosted by EPSB, KEA, KASA, KASS, WKU and KANBCT was held in the Governor's Mansion to recognize the accomplishments of the 252 new NBCTs. The special day closed with recognition of these educators by both chambers of the General Assembly.

March of Dimes

As always, this time of year Kentucky state government participates in the March of Dimes campaign. The EPSB team is already hard at work with many events and activities planned to help stamp out premature birth, the leading cause of death in newborns today. Staff has planned a waffle breakfast, chili dog luncheon, Jeans for Babies, and Division Quarter Wars as fundraisers during March and April. If you wish to join us in the fight, you can visit the EPSB webpage at:

<http://www.marchforbabies.org/443070>

Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids Results

EPSB staff participated in the 2008 Bowling for Big Brothers/Sisters on March 5, 2008.

Twenty bowlers did a great job at raising just over \$1,330 in contributions for the BB/BS—well over last year's amount. The work of BB/S is very important. Research is clear about the difference even one caring person can make in the life of a child.

Although not everyone will serve as a Big Brother or Sister, we can all support those who do volunteer.

To recognize those who went above and beyond in raising support for this worthy cause, I will be treating to lunch those who raised the most and contributed to this event.

Meetings, Conferences, Etc.

April 2/3 – KBE meeting

April 4/9 – Phil on NCATE BOE for University of Central Oklahoma

April 7/10 – CCSSO Leadership meeting

April 7 – KDE/KSU/Franklin County Teacher Recruitment

April 8 – SE/SC meeting

April 9 – NKCES meeting

April 10 – EPSB monthly agency-wide staff meeting

April 11 – Math Achievement meeting

April 12/18 – Marilyn at NCATE UAB meeting

April 15 – Last day of 2008 General Assembly

April 15 – EPSB Leadership meeting

April 16 – KEDC meeting

April 17 – ELDC meeting at KSBA

April 17 – WKU School Law Conference

April 18 – PEDS committee meeting

April 18 – March of Dimes Walk for Babies at Capitol

April 22 – Prichard spring meeting

April 23 – WKEC spring institute

April 29 – EPSB Leadership meeting

April 29/May 2 – ETS Client Conference

April 30 – OVEC meeting

April 30 – Continuous Assessment Review Committee meeting